(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the advertisement revenue of Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Prasar Bharti has informed that its revenue collection during 2001-2002 was Rs. 615.20 crores, as compared to the revenue earned during 2000-2001 of Rs. 637.51 crores. Details of advertisement revenue of private TV Channels are not maintained by Government.

(b) The reason for shortfall in commercial revenue of Doordarshan was mainly due to lower revenue realisation from the marketing of BCCI Cricket Matches in India during 2001-2002.

(c) Prasar Bharati has informed that various steps have been taken to improve the advertisement revenue of Doordarshan such as improvement in quality of transmission, full exploitation of the commercial potential of programmes including films and film-based programme, revision of commercial rate card and rationalisation of rate structure, improving quality of content, and the presentation of channels, starting a marketing set up, creation of separate division for Government Ministries/ Departments, and setting up of an creative advisory committee.

Classification of newspaper industry

1178. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for classification of the newspaper industry;

(b) whether All India Newspaper Employees Federation has submitted a charter of demands to revise classification based on gross revenue of all establishements working with a newspaper or a group of newspapers; and

(c) the action taken to review the matter as per demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) The circulation per publishing day of a newspaper is the main criteria for its

classification. All newspapers/journals have been classified into three categories as under:-

(i) Small, with a circulation of upto 25,000 copies per publishing day.

(ii) Medium, with a circulation between 25,001 and 75,000 copies per publishing day.

(iii) Big, with a circulation of above 75,000 copies per publishing day.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Code of conduct for TV programmes

1179. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no code of conduct for television broadcasters to monitor the TV programmes; and

(b) if so, the measures Government propose to take to regulate the telecast system in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Programmes of all satellite channels, transmitted/re-transmitted through the Cable Television Network, are required to adhere to the provisions of the Programme & Advertising Code prescribed under the Cable Television Network (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Rules framed thereunder. The cable operators are also required to maintain a register of the programmes being transmitted or re-transmitted. Action is taken whenever violations of these Codes come to notice.

Fast Track Courts in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra

†1180. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fast Track Courts set up in Madhya Pradesh,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.